

II. AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A siding box assembly for securing a light fixture to a vertical surface comprising;

an electrical junction box including a back wall having a front surface, a rear surface, and a front peripheral wall extending from said front surface defining an interior volume therein;

two or more ears extending outwardly from said front peripheral wall, said ears including apertures therein;

said front peripheral wall of said electrical junction box having a base and a planar top edge;

two or more posts integral with said front peripheral wall of said electrical junction box extending from said base to said top edge;

said posts including a top planar with said planar top edge of said front peripheral wall of said electrical junction box;

said posts including fastener-accepting portions;

two or more box-anchoring fasteners; and

a cover having an outer periphery, a central opening, a front and a rear surface, and a rear peripheral wall extending from said rear surface of said cover and substantially surrounding said central opening;

wherein said box-anchoring fasteners secure said electrical junction box to said vertical surface, said rear peripheral wall of said cover slidingly engages said front

peripheral wall of said electrical junction box, and said light fixture is secured to said electrical junction box thereby creating a completely enclosed electrical junction box for housing all electrical connections ~~between~~ to said light fixture ~~and said electrical supply~~.

2. (currently amended) The siding box assembly of claim 1 wherein said back wall of said electrical junction box further includes

a first portion ~~[[in]]~~ planar with said base of said front peripheral wall of said electrical junction box;

a raised portion interior of said first portion, said raised portion extending from said first portion into said interior volume of said electrical junction box;

a recessed area in said rear surface of said back wall of said electrical junction box;

one or more apertures in said first portion of said back wall; and

one or more removable wall portions in said raised portion.

3. (original) The siding box assembly of claim 1 wherein grooves are provided in said rear peripheral wall of said cover to accommodate said posts of said front peripheral wall of said electrical junction box when said cover and said electrical junction box are slidably engaged.

4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) The siding box assembly of claim 2 wherein said removable wall ~~section~~ portion is removed to create a cable opening therein in said back wall of said electrical junction box.

6. (canceled)

7. (original) The siding box assembly of claim 2 wherein a portion of said vertical surface is removed to expose a substrate; and said apertures in said first portion of said back wall accept said box-anchoring fasteners to secure said electrical junction box to said substrate.

8. (original) The siding box assembly of claim 7 that further includes raised walls surrounding said apertures in said first portion of said back wall, said raised walls extending from said front surface of said electrical junction box and into said interior volume of said electrical junction box.

9. (withdrawn) A method of mounting a light fixture to a vertical wall of a building including:

a) providing a siding box assembly including an electrical junction box, a cover, and box-anchoring fasteners, said electrical junction box including a back wall having a front surface, a rear surface, a front peripheral wall, an interior volume, posts integral with said front peripheral wall and including fastener-accepting portions, one or more

removable wall portions in said back wall, and integral ears extending outwardly from said front peripheral wall and including apertures therein, said cover including an outer periphery, a central opening, a front and rear surface, and a rear peripheral wall extending from said rear surface of said cover;

b) marking a suitable location for a light fixture on the exterior of a building, said location including an electrical supply having wiring leads;

b) creating a circular hole in the exterior covering of a building;

c) removing the outer covering from said circular hole to expose the substrate of said exterior covering and create surrounding outer covering;

d) removing one or more of said removable wall portions from said back wall of said electrical junction box to create an electrical supply opening;

e) pulling said electrical supply through said electrical supply opening into said interior volume of said electrical junction box;

f) placing said electrical junction box into said circular hole such that said rear surface of said electrical junction box faces said substrate;

g) securing said electrical junction box to said building by driving said box-anchoring fasteners through said apertures in said ears and into said surrounding outer covering;

h) providing a light fixture including a base, apertures in said base, a mounting bar, mounting bar fasteners, fixture fasteners secured to said mounting bar, wiring leads; and cap nuts adapted to thread onto said fixture fasteners;

i) securing said mounting bar to said fastener-accepting apertures of said posts with said mounting bar fasteners;

j) connecting said cover to said electrical junction box by sliding said rear peripheral wall of said cover onto said front peripheral wall of said electrical junction box; and

k) securing said light fixture to said siding box assembly by threading said cap nuts onto said fixture fasteners.

10. (currently amended) The siding box assembly of claim [[1]] 2 wherein ~~said rear wall of said mounting block includes a front surface and a back surface and said knock-outs are recessed away from said back surface toward said front surface, thereby creating a recessed knock-out that~~ removal of said removable wall portion from said raised portion allows a flush connection by a C-shaped ~~clamp fitting and reduces the space requirements of the mounting block~~ to said rear surface of said back wall of said electrical junction box.